Stage-III (Tehri Pumped Storage Plant-1000 MW): The essential works of Tehri PSP (Head Race Tunnels, intakes, Transformer hall etc.) have already been completed along with the execution of Tehri Stage-I works. As per the investment approval accorded by the Government on 18.7.2006, this project is scheduled to be commissioned in the year 2010-11.

Use of power connections for domestic use by farmers

1428. SHRI DHARAMPAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue instruction to Government of Uttar Pradesh to allow small farmers residing within a radius of 5-10 mts. and having holding upto five-six acres to utilize their power connection for domestic use;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) No, Sir. Distribution of electricity is a licensed activity which is regulated by the State Electricity Regulatory Commission.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Reconstitution of State Electricity Boards

†1429. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have fixed any time schedule for the reconstitution of State Electricity Boards;

(b) the number of States where State Electricity Boards have so far been reconstituted; and

(c) what is Government's policy for those States which have not constituted State Electricity Boards?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) Before enactment of the Electricity Act, 2003, various States had enacted State Electricity Reforms Acts which provided for reorganization of their State Electricity Boards (SEB).

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